ERWIN TOWNSHIP
GOGEBIC COUNTY
FINANCIAL REPORT
With Supplemental Information

March 31, 2005

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ou must check th	e applicable box for e	ach item below.				
]yes √ no	Certain componer	nt units/funds/ag	encies of the local unit a	re excluded	from the fin	ancial statement
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yes 😨 no 4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Actorits requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.						
yes x no 5. The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).						
yes √x no	6. The local unit has unit.	been delinquen	nt in distributing tax reve	nues that we	re collected	i for another tax
yes and 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (pace during the year).						
yes 反 no	8. The local unit use 1995 (MCL 129.2		nd has not adopted an	applicable po	licy as requ	uired by P.A. 266
yes √ no	9. The local unit has	not adopted an	investment policy as re-	quired by P.A	. 196 of 19	97 (MCL 129.95)
We have enclo	sed the following:			Enclosed	To Be Forwarde	Not d Required
The letter of com	nents and recommend	dations.		х		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).						
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).						
Certified Public Acc	countant (Firm Name)	Roger J.	Kolehmainen PC			
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Supervisor and Members of the Board Erwin Township Ironwood, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Erwin Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Township's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based on our audit.

We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that the audit provides a reasonable basis in our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Erwin Township as of March 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note A to the basic financial statements, the Authority adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments of April 1, 2004.

The management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplemental information required by the Governmental Accounting and Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of the Erwin Township, Ironwood, Michigan, taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents under supplemental information are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements of the Erwin Township. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 18, 2005, on our consideration of Erwin Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Roger J. Kolehmainen PC Certified Public Accountant

Ironwood, Michigan November 18, 2005

Year ended March 31, 2005

Management's Discussion and Analysis

This section of the Erwin's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Township's financial performance during the year ended March 31, 2005. It is to be read in conjunction with the Township's financial statements, which immediately follow. This is a requirement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB 34) Basic Financial Statements – and Management Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Government and is intended to provide the financial results for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2005. This is the first year of GASB 34 implementation. As a result the financial report is presented very differently than previous years. Because this is the first year of implementation of GASB Statement No. 34, prior-year data is not available.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The Government-wide financial statements appear first in the financial report. These financial statements include the statement of net assets and the statement of activities. They report information about the Township as a whole. The statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting which is the accounting used by most private sector businesses. The statement of net assets includes all of the Township's assets and liabilities. All current year revenues and expenses are reported in the statement of activities. These are new statements that have not been required or provided in past years but are now required based on government auditing and accounting standards. The two statements report the governmental activities of the Township that include all services performed by the Township. These activities are funded mostly by State revenue sharing, property taxes and charges for services.

The statement of net assets, as stated previously, shows the Township's assets and liabilities. The corresponding balance between the amounts calculates the net assets or deficit of the Township. This statement measures the financial strength of the Township; the greater the net asset figure, the healthier the Township generally is. This shows if the Township will be able to fund their current obligations and shows what they have available for future use.

The statement of activities shows the current year change in net assets on revenue less expenditure basis. It generally shows the operating results for a given year of the Township. Any excess of revenues over expenditures results in a surplus for the year that in turn increases the net assets (or reduces a deficit) available to fund future needs of the Township. Any deficiency of revenues over expenditures results in a deficit for the year that in turn reduces the net assets (or increases a deficit) of the Township.

Fund Financial Statements

The Township, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. In the basic financial statements, the emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major funds. All of the funds of the Township can be divided into three categories: governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. This information may be useful in evaluating the Township's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. In order to provide the reader with information to better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions, a reconciliation between the government-wide financial statements is included as part of the basic financial statements.

The Township maintains a governmental fund which accounts for general fund activities. Information is presented in the government fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance for the general fund (considered a major fund).

Individual fund data for the general fund is presented separately in the "Other Supplemental Information" section of this report.

The Township adopts an annual budget for its general fund. To demonstrate compliance with this budget, a budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the general fund and is included in the "Required Supplemental Information" section of this report.

Proprietary Fund

Proprietary Fund provides accounting for debt service payments for a sewer system under assignment with the City of Ironwood. The City, in annexing certain lands within the Township, have assumed operating and maintenance of the entire sewer system owned by the Township. Upon payment of the revenue bonds, the City intends to assume ownership.

The Sewer Fund is presented in both the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements and is considered a major fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations very similar to business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the debt service cost be recovered primarily through intergovernmental charges.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefits of parties outside the government. The fiduciary fund for the Township is the Tax Fund. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Township's own programs. This fund is presented separately in the fund financial statements section of the basic financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

Notes to the financial statements are included in the financial statements, and provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provide in the government-wide and the fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements-Condensed Financial InformationStatement of Net Assets

The following table shows the March 31, 2005, condensed statement of net assets with a detailed analysis of the statement below.

		Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-Type		
ASSETS	Activities	Activities	Total	
Current Assets:				
Cash and other assets	\$84,513	\$7	\$84,520	
Other assets	13,494	2,054	15,548	
Non-current Assets			•	
Capital Assets, net	36,939	409,433	446,372	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$134,946	\$411,494	\$546,440	

	Primary Government			
_	Governmental	Business-Type		
LIABILITIES	<u>Activities</u>	Activities	Total	
Current Liabilities	\$2,228	\$5,839	\$8,067	
Non-current Liabilities		35,000	35,000	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,228	\$40,839	\$43,067	
NET ASSETS Investment in capital assets net of related debt	\$36,939	\$369,433	\$406,372	
Restricted	1,288		1,288	
Unrestricted	94,491	1,222	95,713	
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$132,718	\$370,655	\$503,373	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET	\$134,946	\$181,254	\$546,440	
ASSETS		-,	45 10, 140	

For governmental activities, net assets increased by \$31,355 during the fiscal year. For business-type activities, net assets increased by \$8,656 during the year.

Results of Operations

The following represents the changes in net assets for both governmental and business-type activities for the year ended March 31, 2005.

REVENUES Program Revenue:	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Primary Government Business-Type <u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Charges for services General Revenue:	\$4,110	\$	\$4,110
Property taxes Other income Unrestricted grants Transfers from other funds	45,115 793 32,954	7,248	45,115 8,041 32,954
Total Revenue	\$82,972	\$7,248	\$90,220

EXPENSES: General Government Public Safety Public Works Other Expenses Total Expenses	Governmental <u>Activities</u> \$37,272 5,678 6,942 1,725 \$51,617	Primary Government Business-Type <u>Activities</u>	Total \$37,272 5,678 6,942 1,725 \$51,617
Business-Type Activities: Sewer Expenses Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets Assets, Beginning of Year Net Assets, End of Year	\$31,355 101,363 \$132,718	\$15,904 (\$8,656) 379,311 \$370,655	\$15,904 \$22,699 480,674 \$503,373

Governmental Activities

Property taxes and other tax revenues comprise \$45,115 or approximately 54 percent of total governmental revenues. The Township also collected \$2,794 for services provided. And, at year end the Township reported \$32,954 in grants not restricted for specific purposes. This amount was due to revenue sharing from the State of Michigan and comprises 49 percent of total governmental revenues.

The Township expended \$88,556 on governmental programs and services. One of the largest expense items were for road improvements costing \$38,213.

Business-Type Activities

Business-type activities decreased the Township's net assets by \$8,656.

Financial Analysis of Governmental Funds

As previously noted, the Township uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related requirement.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Township's governmental fund is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. This information is useful in assessing the Township's financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the year. The Township's governmental fund reported an ending fund balances of \$95,779 of which \$1,288 is reserved and the remaining \$94,491 is available for spending at the government's discretion.

On the budgetary basis of accounting, the Township ended the year with revenues more than 13% than was budget and expenditures 20% less than the budgeted amount. Significant negative expenditure variances occurred in public works activities.

Proprietary Fund

The Township's proprietary fund provides the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

Unrestricted net assets of the Sewer Fund as of March 31, 2005 were \$1,222.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

The Township's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation for its business-type activities as of March 31, 2005 was \$409,433.

Other Economic Factors and Next Years Budget

Economic Factors

Currently, the State of Michigan is experiencing a severe budgetary crisis. As such, it is anticipated that future state cuts will likely translate into strategic reductions of Township expenses to maintain a sound budget. Despite the poor outlook of the state's budget, the Township will continue to strive to provide good social and cultural conditions that support healthy families and maintain a safe and clean community in which to live.

Request for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Township's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

Erwin Township Supervisor E5358 West Pioneer Road Ironwood, MI 49938

ERWIN TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS March 31, 2005

	Government <u>Activities</u>	Business – type <u>Activities</u>	<u>Totals</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$84,513	\$7	\$84,520
Accounts receivable-net	1,831		1,831
Delinquent taxes receivable	6,586		6,586
Due from other funds	2,877		2,877
Deferred charges	2,200		2,200
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$98,007	\$7	\$98,014
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Capital assets	38,213	539,978	578,191
Accumulated depreciation	(1,274)	(130,545)	(131,819)
Bond issuance cost	, ,	2,054	2,054
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	36,939	411,487	448,426
TOTAL ASSETS	\$134,946	\$411,494	\$546,440
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$173	Φ.	
Accrued wages/taxes	2,055	\$	\$173
Accrued interest payable	2,033	920	2,055
Current maturity on long-term debt		839	839
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$2,228	5,000 \$5,839	5,000
1 THE CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF	\$2,220	\$3,639	\$8,067
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bonds payable		40,000	40,000
Current maturity on long-term debt		(5,000)	(5,000)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		35,000	35,000
TOTAL LIABILITES _	\$2,228	\$40,839	\$43,067
NET ASSETS			
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	36,939	\$2.60 A22	040605
Reserve – Building inspection	1,288	\$369,433	\$406,372
Unreserved	1,288 94,491	1 222	1,288
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$132,718	1,222	95,713
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$132,718	\$370,655	\$503,373
	φ134,740	\$411,494	\$546,440

ERWIN TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES Year Ended MARCH 31, 2005

Functions/Programs	<u>Expenses</u>	Program Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenue
Governmental Activities	<u> </u>		
General government	\$37,272	\$	(\$37,272)
Public safety	5,678	744	(4,934)
Public works	6,942	3,366	(3,576)
Other	1,725		(1,725)
Total Governmental Activities	\$51,617	\$4,110	(\$47,507)
Business-type Activities			
Sewer	\$15,904	7,248	(8,656)
Total Business – type Activities	\$15,904	7,248	(8,656)
Total	\$67,521	\$11,358	(\$56,163)
Changes in Net Assets		D	
	Governmental <u>Activities</u>	Business – type <u>Activities</u>	Total
Net (Expense) Revenue	(\$47,507)	(8,656)	(\$56,163)
General Revenues:			
Property taxes	45,115		45,115
State-Shared revenues	32,954		32,954
Investment income	793		793
Transfers			
Total General Revenues and Transfers	\$78,862		\$78,862
Changes in Net Assets	\$31,355	(\$8,656)	\$22,699
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	101,363	379,311	480,674
Net Assets at End of Year	\$132,718	\$370,655	\$503,373

ERWIN TOWNSHIP BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS March 31, 2005

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$84,513
Accounts receivable-net	1,831
Delinquent taxes receivable	6,586
Due from other funds	2,877
Deferred charges	2,200
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	\$98,007
Non-current assets	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$98,007
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$173
Accrued wages/taxes	2,055
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	\$2,228
Non-current liabilities	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,228
FUND BALANCES	<u> </u>
Reserve – Building Inspection	1,288
Unreserved	94,491
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$95,779
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$98,007
amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are diff	ferent hecause:
	referit because.
Total Fund Balance for Governmental Funds	\$95,779
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and	
Therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation	36,939
NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES —	\$132,718

ERWIN TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUND Year ended March 31, 2005

REVENUES:	
Taxes	\$35,688
Other taxes	6,073
Tax administrative fees	3,354
Licenses and permits	744
State shared revenues	32,954
Charges for services	2,050
Interest	793
Other revenue	1,316
	\$82,972
EXPENDITURES	
Legislative	\$8,216
General government	29,056
Public safety	5,678
Public works	43,881
Other	1,725
	\$88,556
EXCESS OF REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	(\$5,584)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers to/from other funds	
EXCESS OF REVENUES EXPENDITURES) AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(\$5,584)
Fund Balance at 3/31/2004	101,363
FUND BALANCE MARCH 31, 2005	 \$95,779

ERWIN TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUND Year ended March 31, 2005

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Reconciliation of the change in fund balances – Total Governmental Funds to the changes in net assets of governmental activities:

Net change in fund balances - Total Governmental Funds

(\$5,584)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset purchases capitalized Depreciation expense

\$38,213 (1,274)

Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities

\$31,355

ERWIN TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE- BUDGET TO ACTUAL GENERAL FUND

Year ended March 31, 2005

Budgeted Amounts

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REVENUES	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
Taxes	\$32,400	\$32,400	\$35,688	#2 200
Other taxes	4,600	4,600	6,073	\$3,288
Tax administrative fees	1,400	1,400	3,354	1,473
State shared revenues	35,000	35,000	32,954	1,954
Charges for services	3,500	3,500	ŕ	(2,046)
Interest	500	500	2,794	(706)
Other revenue	1,500		793	293
		1,500	1,316	(184)
EXPENDITURES	\$78,900	\$78,900	\$82,972	\$4,072
Legislative	\$8,720	\$8,720	\$8,216	\$504
General government	24,830	24,830	29,056	(4,226)
Public safety	6,450	6,450	5,678	772
Public works	65,300	65,300	43,881	21,419
Other	5,500	5,500	1,725	3,775
	\$110,800	\$110,800	\$88,556	\$22,244
EXCESS OF REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)	(31,900)	(31,900)	(5,584)	26,316
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers to/from other funds				
EXCESS OF REVENUES EXPENDITURES) AND OTHER FINANCING USES	(\$31,900)	(\$31,900)	(\$5,584)	\$26,316
Fund Balance at 3/31/2004	101,363	101,363	101,363	
FUND BALANCE MARCH 31, 2005	\$69,463	\$69,463	\$95,779	\$26,316

ERWIN TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS PROPRIETARY FUND March 31, 2005

A CCIPTO	Totals
ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$7
Accounts receivable-net	
Total Current Assets	\$7
NONCURRENT ASSETS:	
Property, plant and equipment	539,978
Accumulated depreciation	(130,545)
Bond issuance costs	2,054
Total Non-Current Assets	411,487
TOTAL ASSETS	\$411,494
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT LIABILITIES:	
Accounts payable	\$
Accrued interest payable	839
Current maturity on long-term debt	5,000
Total Current Liabilities	\$5,839
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	
Revenue bonds payable	40,000
Less current maturity on long-term debt	(5,000)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	40,839
NET ASSETS:	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	369,433
Unreserved	1,222
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$370,655
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$411,494

ERWIN TOWNSHIP STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS TYPE Year ended March 31, 2005

Business type Activities - Enterprise Fund

		Total
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services		\$
_	Total Operating Revenues	\$
Operating expenses:		
Provision for depreciation		\$13,499
	Total Operating Expenses	\$13,499
	Operating income (loss)	(\$13,499)
Non-operating revenues (expe	enses)	
Debt retirement payments rein	nbursed	7,248
Bond amortization		(254)
Bond interest expense		(2,151)
Net Income (loss) before Tra	nnsfers	(\$8,656)
Change in Net Assets	_	(\$8,656)
Net Assets - March 31, 2004		379,311
NET ASSETS – MARCH 31	, 2005	\$370,655

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUNDS TYPES ERWIN TOWNSHIP

Year ended March 31, 2005

Business type Activities - Ente	erprise Fund
	<u>Totals</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Income from operations	(\$13,499)
Adjustments to reconcile income	
from operations to net cash	
Provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	13,499
Increase (decrease) in:	
Accrued interest payable	(97)
Total adjustments	13,402
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	(\$97)
Cash flows from capital and related Financing activities:	
Bond and debt retirement proceeds	7,248
Revenue bonds principal paid	(5,000)
Bond interest paid	(2,151)
Net cash provided (used) for capital and related financing activities	\$97
Cash flows from investment activities:	
Interest income	\$
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$
Cash and Cash Equivalents, March 31, 2004	7
Cash and Cash Equivalents, March 31, 2005	\$7

ERWIN TOWNSHIP FIDUCIARY FUNDS STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS Year ended March 31, 2005

		Agency Fund
		Tax
ASSETS		<u>Fund</u>
Cash and cash equivalents Due from other funds		\$10,492
	TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,492
LIABILITIES		
Due to other funds		\$2,877
Due to other units of government	_	7,615
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$10,492

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

General Statement

Erwin Township operates with an elected board of trustees, which includes a supervisor, clerk and treasurer. The Township provides to its residents, services in many areas including public safety, highways and streets, sanitation, culture and recreation, planning and zoning, and general administrative services.

The Township complies with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements for the proprietary funds. Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. For enterprise funds, GASB Statement Nos. 20 and 34 provide the Township the option of electing to apply FASB pronouncements issued after November 30, 1989. The Township has elected not to apply those pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this Note. For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2005, the Township implemented the new financial reporting requirement of GASB Statement No. 34. As a result, an entirely new financial presentation format has been implemented.

Reporting Entity

In accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity", these financial statements present the Local Unit (primary government) and its component units. The criteria established by the GASB for determining the reporting entity includes oversight responsibility, fiscal dependency, and whether the financial statements would be misleading if data were not included. Based on these criteria, the Township has no component units.

Basis of Presentation

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for debt service payments being reimbursed.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditure/expenses. Funds are organized into three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. An emphasis is place on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered major if it's the primary operating fund of the Township or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of that individual governmental or enterprise fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds in that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined.

The funds of the financial reporting entity are described below:

General Fund - is the primary operating fund of the Township and always classified as a major fund. This fund is used to account for all financial resources except those legally or administratively required to be accounted for in another fund.

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

Enterprise Fund - Enterprise Fund reports sewer debt service payments which are financed through intergovernmental charges. The City of Ironwood intents on assuming ownership of the system once the revenue bonds have been retired. Currently the City provides all operating and maintenance oversight and bills the users of the system accordingly.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE (Not included in government-wide statements)

Agency Funds - These funds are used to account for taxes collected by the Township in a trustee capacity or as an agent for other governments and/or other funds. The funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

MAJOR AND NONMAJOR FUNDS

The governmental and enterprise funds of the Township are further classified as major funds as follows:

Fund

Brief Description

MAJOR FUNDS

1. General

See above for description.

2. Sewer

Account for debt service payments pertaining to sewer activities

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below.

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. All governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The proprietary funds utilize an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net assets (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net assets.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-like activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the

liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds and agency funds are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when "measurable and available." Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or within sixty days after year end. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due.

All proprietary funds utilize the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, debt service revenues are recognized when billed and expenses are recorded when the debt service is paid.

ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND EQUITY

Cash and Investments

For the purpose of the Statement of Net Assets, "cash, including time deposits" includes all demand, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Township. For the purpose of the proprietary fund Statement of Cash Flows, "cash and cash equivalents" include all demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with an original maturity of three months or less.

Interfund Receivables and Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related to goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds." Short-term interfund loans are reported as "interfund receivables and payables." Long-term interfund loans (noncurrent portion) are reported as "advances from and to other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the government-wide financial statements. See Note E for details of interfund transactions, including receivables and payable at year-end.

Receivables

In the government-wide statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends and the periodic aging of accounts receivable. Major receivable balances for the governmental activities include delinquent property and tax administrative fees. Interest and investment earnings are recorded when accrued.

Fixed Assets

The accounting treatment over property, plant and equipment (fixed assets) depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-wide Statements

In the government-wide financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital assets. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial individual cost of \$1,500 and \$100 and an estimated life in excess of two years for governmental funds and proprietary funds, respectively. All fixed assets are valued at historical costs except for donated fixed assets which were recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation. The Township, in adopting GASB 34, elects to recognize capital assets acquisitions for government funds costing \$1,500 or more as of April 1, 2004. The Township otherwise has not maintained a listing of government fund assets.

Depreciation of exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the proprietary funds' statement of net assets. Depreciation has been provided over the useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation.

Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Utility Plant 40 Years Infrastructure(ROW) 15 Years

Fund Financial Statements

In the fund financial statements, fixed assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition. Fixed assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for the same as in the government-wide statements.

Long-term Debt

All long-term debt to be repaid from business-type resources is reported as liabilities in the proprietary fund, statement of net assets. The long-term debt consists of revenue bonds.

Scope of Reporting Entity

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Board's Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity," the general purpose financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds and components units, that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of December 31. Taxes are levied on the ensuing December 1. The Township bills and collects its own property taxes and also collects current rolls for the County and School District. The Township records delinquent real property taxes as revenue upon levy; since the County will sell tax notes and remits monies to the various units of government shortly after year end.

Budgets

The Township follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. Prior to April 1, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. A public hearing is held at the annual Township Board meeting to obtain taxpayers comments.
- 3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.

- 4. The budgets are adopted prior to the fiscal year by the majority vote of the Township Board.
- 5. The budgets are adopted on the accrual basis of accounting.
- 6. Any revisions to the budgeted amounts must be approved by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 7. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- 8. Budgeted amounts presented in the financial statements are as originally adopted and amended by the Township Board.

Formal budgets are not required for the operations of the Proprietary Fund types.

Statement of Cash Flows

For the purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Proprietary Fund Type consider all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures/expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Interest Expense

Interest on bonded indebtedness is recorded as expenditure as accrued.

Interest Receivables

Interest on investments is recorded as revenue in the year the interest is earned and is available to pay liabilities of the current period.

Due to and Due from Other Funds

Interfund receivables and payables arise from interfund transactions and are recorded by all funds affected in the period in which transactions are executed.

NOTE B - CASH AND INVESTMENT INFORMATION

The carrying amount of deposits is presented on the balance sheet as "Cash and Cash Equivalents".

Statutes authorize the Township to deposit cash in financial institutions covered by federal depository insurance and to invest in obligations of the United States Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities; commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the three highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services; United States government or agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptances of United States banks; certain mutual funds and certain common stocks.

The carrying amount of the Township's deposits with one financial institution was \$95,012. All Townships' monies were insured by the FDIC and are in accordance with statutory authority.

NOTE C - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable and related allowances for uncollectible are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Allowance</u>	Net
General Fund	\$8,417	\$	\$8,417
Sewer Fund	\$3,295	\$3,295	\$

General Fund - generally consists of delinquent tax monies and administrative fees; and state shared revenues. The Sewer Fund (Proprietary Fund) was for connection fees which are considered uncollectible.

NOTE D - SUMMARY OF 2004 TAX LEVY

Details of the Township's 2004 property tax levy are as follows:

	Tax	Delinquent	Net
	<u>Levy</u>	Taxes	Collected
County	\$82,364	\$8,866	\$73,498
School/SET	82,765	8,989	73,776
Township	35,442	3,982	31,460
CFR	6,843		6,843
Totals	\$207,414	\$21,837	\$185,577

Taxable valuation - (excluding commercial forest

reserve lands):

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Real property	\$3,	807,551
Personal property	2.	070,349
		877,900
Tax rate per \$1,000 valuation:		
Township	\$	6.0208
County		14.4113
Schools		25.18
	\$	45.6121

NOTE E - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

The amounts of interfund receivables and payables at March 31, 2005, are as follows:

	Interfund		Interfund
<u>Funds</u>	Receivable	Funds	Payable
General-		Tax Fund-	
Tax Fund	\$2,877	General Fund	\$2,877

NOTE F - PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of changes in the general fixed assets is as follows:

	<u>′31/2004</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	3/31/2005	Depreciable
Infrastructure Rights	\$	\$38,213		\$38,213	<u>Life</u> 15 Years
Accumulated Depreciation		(1,274)		(1,274)	
_	\$	\$36,939		\$36,939	-

Depreciation expense of \$1,274 was charged to Street and Highways, Public Works.

A summary of utility plant is service at March 31, 2005, follows:

Depreciation Exp	ense 2004/2005	9	513,499		
NET PLANT	\$422,932	(\$13,499)	\$	\$409,433	-
Utility Plant Accumulated Depreciation	\$539,978 (117,046)	(\$13,499)		\$539,978 (130,545)	<u>Life</u> 40 Years
	3/31/2004	Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	3/31/2005	Depreciable

NOTE G - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The General Fund account payables were for normal expenditures.

NOTE H – SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM REVENUE BONDS – PROPRIETARY FUND

In 1997, the Township completed work on the Bonnie Sewer Project. The sewer project was financed by the issuance of Revenue Bonds totaling \$75,000 form Michigan Municipal Bond Authority and a grant of \$441,900.

Data relative to the 1997 Sewage Disposable System Revenue Bonds at March 31, 2005:

Date of issue: August 14, 1997 Amount of Original Issue: \$75,000 Outstanding at March 31, 2005: \$40,000

Interest Rates: 4.0% to 5.3%

Interest Dates: May 1 and November 1

Principal Payment Dated: November 1

Payment on Principal during year ended March 31, 2005: \$5,000

The Township is addition to the revenue from the project pledges its limited tax full faith and credit for the prompt and timely payment of obligations. Bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity.

On June 12, 2000, the City of Ironwood assumed the balance of \$65,000 in Revenue Bonds obligations of the Township in exchange for future ownership of sewage disposal system assets. The transfer will be accomplished once the outstanding Revenue Bonds have been satisfied. The City continues to provide sufficient funds to the Township as principal and interest payments become due. The City, in annexing certain lands within the Township, has assumed operating and maintenance responsibilities of the system under a contractual arrangement.

Debt service charges until maturity are as follows:

Principal	Interest	Total	
\$5,000			
5,000	•	•	
5,000	•	•	
5,000	•	•	
5,000	•	,	
5,000	785	•	
5,000	527	*	
5,000	265	*	
\$40,000	\$9,215	\$49,215	_
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The Township received net proceeds of \$70,944, which are net of issuance costs of \$4,056 which are capitalized as Bond Issuance Costs and are being expensed over the life of the bond issuance.

NOTE I - CHANGES IN REVENUE BONDS DEBT

	Balance	Additions	Balance
	3/31/2004	(Payments)	3/31/2005
Revenue Bonds	\$45,000	(\$5,000)	\$40,000

NOTE J - SEGMENT INFORMATION FOR ENTERPRISE FUND

The Township provides sewage services. Segment information as of March 31, 2005, follows:

Operating revenues	\$
Depreciation expense	\$13,499
Operating income (loss)	(\$13,499)
Increase (decrease) in	
Net Assets	(\$8,656)
Increase (decrease) in	
Fixed assets	\$ 0
Long-term debt payable	
From operating revenues	\$40,000
Net assets	
Unreserved (deficit)	\$1,222

NOTE K - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township is exposed to various risks of losses related to tort; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Township has obtained coverage from commercial insurance companies. The Township has comprehensive general liability coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and a \$3,000,000 aggregate limit, with no deductible amount.

All risk management activities are accounted for in the General Fund of the Township. Expenditures and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported, are considered. Management estimates that the amount of actual or potential claims against the Township as of March 31, 2005, will not materially affect the financial condition of the Township. Therefore, the financial statements contain no provision for estimated claims. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ERWIN TOWNSHIP

GENERAL FUND DETAIL OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES BUDGET AND ACTUAL

Year ended March 31, 2005

REVENUES	<u>BUDGE</u> TED	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		Y/ADFANCE
	Original	<u>Final</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	VARIANCE
Current property taxes	\$32,400	\$32,400	\$35,688	\$2.200
PILT	3,000	3,000	4,770	\$3,288
Commercial forest reserve	1,600	1,600	947	1,770
Swamp taxes		,	356	(653)
Tax administrative fees	1,400	1,400	3,354	356
Total taxes	\$38,400	\$38,400	\$45,115	1,954
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State shared revenues	35,000	35,000	32,954	(2,046)
Charges for services	3,500	3,500	2,794	(706)
Reimbursements	1,500	1,500		(1.500)
Miscellaneous		-,2 0 0	1,316	(1,500)
Interest income	500	500	793	1,316
TOTAL REVENUES	\$78,900	\$78,900		293
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Other financing sources-				
Transfer from other funds				
TOTAL REVENUES AND	\$78,900	\$79,000	000	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE	φ/ 0,200	\$78,900	\$82,972	\$4,072

GENERAL FUND

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET ERWIN TOWNSHIP

	Year ended March 31, 2005 BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	<u>VARIANCE</u>
	Original	<u>Final</u>		VINGINICE
LEGISLATIVE Township Board:		 		
Salaries			\$1,530	
Office supplies			225	
Contracted services			137	
Printing and publications			675	
Insurance			4,564	
Miscellaneous			779	
Memberships	-		306	
TOTAL LEGISLATIVE	\$8,720	\$8,720	\$8,216	\$504
SUPERVISIOR	\$4,050	\$4,050	\$3,900	\$150
TOTAL ELECTION	\$800	\$800	\$1,053	(\$253)
Clerk:				
Salary			\$3,150	
Supplies			362	
Transportation			22	
TOTAL CLERK	\$3,450	\$3,450	\$3,534	(\$84)
TOTAL BOARD OF REVIEW	\$600	\$600	\$330	\$270
Treasurer:				
Salary			\$5,030	
Office supplies			758	
Contractual services			1,971	
Equipment			741	
TOTAL TREASURER	\$7,330	\$7,330	\$8,500	(\$1,170)

GENERAL FUND

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET ERWIN TOWNSHIP

	Year ended March 31, 2005 BUDGETED AMOUNTS		A C'THA I	VADIANCE
_	Original	Final	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u>
TOTAL ASSESSOR	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$4,272	(\$772)
Township Property:				
Wages			\$2,928	
Supplies			73	
Utilities			3,001	
Repairs and maintenance Equipment			987	
TOTAL TOWN HALL	\$5,100	Ø5 100	478	(00.0.5)
TOTAL TOWN HALL	\$3,100	\$5,100	\$7,467	(\$2,367)
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$24,830	\$24,830	\$29,056	(\$4,226)
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INSPECTION COSTS	\$850	\$850	\$578	\$272
FIRE PROTECTION	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	
ZONING BOARD	\$600	\$600	\$100	\$500
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$6,450	\$6,450	\$5,678	\$772
Highways and Streets:				
Street lights	\$300	\$300	\$219	ው 0.1
Street improvements	60,000	60,000	38,213	\$81 21,787
TOTAL ROADS AND STREETS	\$60,300	\$60,300	\$38,432	\$21,868
REFUSE COLLECTION	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,449	(\$449)
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$65,300	\$65,300	\$43,881	\$21,419

GENERAL FUND

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES AND COMPARISON WITH BUDGET ERWIN TOWNSHIP

Year ended March 31, 2005

	BUDGETED AMOUNTS		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	Original	<u>Final</u>	*	
OTHER	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$1,725	\$3,775

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Supervisor and Members of the Board Erwin Township Ironwood, MI

We audited the financial statements of Erwin Township as of and for the year ended March 31, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 2005. We conducted the audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Erwin Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing the audit of the financial statements of Erwin Township for the year ended March 31, 2005, we considered the internal control structure in order to determine auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of Erwin Township is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projections of any evaluation of the structure to future periods are subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

However, we noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in my judgment, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with assertions of management in the financial statements.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one of more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. We identified no items that would be considered to be a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the use of management and should not be used for any other purpose. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which, upon acceptance by the Members of the Board, is a matter of public record.

November 18, 2005

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

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Township Supervisor and Members of the Board Erwin Township Ironwood, MI

LOCAL AUDIT & FINANCE DIV.

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Erwin Township, as of and for the year ended, March 31, 2005, and have issued our report dated November 18, 2005.

In planning and performing the audit of the financial statements, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing any opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

During the course of our audit, certain matters have come to our attention which we feel should be addressed by management. These matters are not considered to be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. However, they are areas in which management may improve its accounting and reporting system.

The following item that have been discussed during the course of our audit with appropriate officials of the Township.

1. The General Fund bank account balances did not agree with accounting records for the period under audit. It appears that the opening balance was incorrect to start with and numerous corrections were needed to reconciled books with the bank balances.

It would be advantageous for the Treasurer to provide copies of bank statements and cash receipts to the Clerk on a monthly basis.

Sincerely,

Roger J. Kolehmainen